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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 23

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas
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February 11, 2015

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Relative to Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 23, as amended, Salas. AED Awareness Week.

This measure would designate the week of ~~February 22 through 28,~~
June 1 through June 7, 2015, as Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
Awareness Week in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, AED is an acronym used as an abbreviation for
- 2 Automated External Defibrillator; and
- 3 WHEREAS, AEDs are portable medical devices that use
- 4 electrodes to automatically analyze and detect cardiac arrhythmia
- 5 of sudden cardiac arrest patients; and
- 6 WHEREAS, AEDs are able to produce a shock that stops the
- 7 heart and allows it to return to a normal rhythm, a process called
- 8 defibrillation; and

1 WHEREAS, AEDs are used in the event of a sudden cardiac
2 arrest, which is a condition in which the heart suddenly stops
3 pumping blood and quivers erratically; and

4 WHEREAS, About 360,000 cases of sudden cardiac arrest occur
5 yearly, typically without any warning signs; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 7,000 children and young adults
7 experience sudden cardiac arrest in the United States each year;
8 and

9 ~~WHEREAS, A person currently has about a 5 percent chance~~
10 ~~of surviving an incident of cardiac arrest, which decreases by 7 to~~
11 ~~10 percent with every minute that passes after a person's heart~~
12 ~~stops beating; and~~

13 *WHEREAS, The interval between a 911 call and the arrival of*
14 *emergency medical services personnel is typically longer than five*
15 *minutes and achieving high survival rates therefore depends on*
16 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED use; and*

17 *WHEREAS, The window of opportunity for using an AED is*
18 *very small. Defibrillation is more successful if performed within*
19 *five minutes of the cardiac arrest. Studies show that the chances*
20 *of survival decrease 7 to 10 percent with every minute that passes*
21 *after the person's heart stops beating; and*

22 WHEREAS, Optimal AED placement allows a person to grab
23 the AED and return to the ~~victim within 90 seconds~~; *victim*; and

24 WHEREAS, Given that a person's chances of surviving a sudden
25 cardiac arrest decrease so rapidly, it is important that Californians
26 are aware of the importance of AEDs and their life-saving potential;
27 ~~now, therefore, be it and~~

28 *WHEREAS, The American Heart Association, the American*
29 *Red Cross, and the National Safety Council prepare related public*
30 *awareness and training campaigns on cardiopulmonary*
31 *resuscitation and AED use, to be held during the first week in June*
32 *of each year; now, therefore, be it*

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring, That the week of February 22 through 28, June*
35 *1 through June 7, 2015, be designated as Automated External*
36 *Defibrillator (AED) Awareness Week in California; and be it*
37 *further*

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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